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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7152

C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 0702

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS MASS, SN

SUBJECT: USAF TRAINING PROGRAM FOR SINGAPORE

REF: STATE 038413

1. PERMSEC FOR DEFENSE PANG TEE POW INFORMED DCM AND DATT FEBRUARY 22 THAT GOS ACCEPTS THE PROVISIONS OF THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS AND APPENDICES ESTABLISHING MTAT AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, FOR REASONS OF TONE AND STYLE HE REQUESTED THAT THE WORD "ALL" CONTAINED IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THE LETTER TO BE SIGNED BY MINISTER GOH IN REPLY TO THE AMBASSADOR'S LETTER BE DELETED. THE SENTENCE WOULD THEN READ "ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE I ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF YOUR LETTER OF -----AND THE APPENDICES ATTACHED THERETO". PANG MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS WAS SIMPLY A STYLISTIC CHANGE AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE DID NOT HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS TO ANY OF THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED EITHER IN THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS OR THE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS.

2. SINCE THIS ONE CHANGE IS PURELY EDITORIAL AND HAS NO EFFECT ON SUBSTANCE, I RECOMMEND THAT WE ACCEPT IT. THEREFORE UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE PRIOR TO 1200 HOURS FEBRUARY 23 LOCAL TIME I WILL PROCEED WITH THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS. LOA WILL BE SIGNED WELL WITHIN TIME LIMITATION SPECIFIED PARA 3 REFTTEL.

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3. PANG PROMISED TO ADVISE EMBASSY AS SOON AS ASEAN COLLEAGUES WERE INFORMED. HE DID NOT OBJECT TO AGREEMENT BEING UNCLASSIFIED, AND WAS AMENABLE TO SUGGESTION THAT THERE BE A BRIEF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT SOMETIME EARLY IN MAY THAT TEAM WOULD BE ARRIVING IN JULY 1. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE OR COMMENTS ON FOLLOWING TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE:

"AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO SEND A FIVE-MAN TEAM TO SINGAPORE TO TRAIN THE STAFF OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE AIR FORCE IN DEVELOPING MANAGERIAL EXPERTISE. THIS TEAM WAS REQUESTED BY THE SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH ITS CURRENT PLANS TO EXPAND ITS AIR FORCE THROUGH THE PURCHASE FROM THE UNITED STATES OF F-5 FIGHTER AIRCRAFT, HELICOPTERS AND TRANSPORT PLANES. THE TEAM WILL ARRIVE ON JULY 1 AND REMAIN IN SINGAPORE FOR A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF TWO YEARS. THE ENTIRE COST WILL BE BORNE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE".  
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